

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2781**

March 31, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a new section that makes the Governmental Tort Liability Act (GTLA) liability cap inapplicable to a medical malpractice action brought against the University of Tennessee Memorial Research Center and Hospital.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The State does not fall with in the jurisdiction of GTLA.
- No impact on the State's Risk Management Fund.
- The University of Tennessee Research Center and Hospital is under the private ownership of United Health Systems, Inc. (UHS) and all hospital employees are UHS employees not University of Tennessee or State of Tennessee employees.
- Removal of the GTLA liability cap may result in an increase in the length of time to litigate cases.
- Any impact on caseloads for the state trial courts and appellate courts can be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director